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I shall appreciate your response at an early date.

Warm regards,

(Ravi Bangar)

Singapore not included in the present trip. Will revert with fresh dates when received.

Warm regards,

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(L. D. RALTE)
Joint Secretary (CNV) &
Chief Vigilance Officer
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

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Ministry of Home Affairs
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New Delhi, dated 06.1.2005.

OFFICE ORDER

Subject: **Proposed visit of JMCI to Taipei (Taiwan), Singapore, Malaysia , Thailand and Vietnam to enquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.**

Sanction of the Competent Authority is hereby accorded in respect of Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee (Retd.) Chairman and Shri P.K. Sengupta Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to visit Taipei (Taiwan), Singapore,Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Bangkok(Thailand) and Saigon(Vietnam) for the purpose of inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. The deputation will be from 11.1.2005 to 24.1.2005(including journey time). The period of deputation will be as on duty.

3. Chairman and Secretary Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry have been sanctioned the following during their tour abroad:-

a)	**Pay & Allowances:**	**The pay and allowances will be drawn as usual in Rupees in India.**
b)	**Air fare (Tickets to be purchased by cash India directly)**	**Chairman-First Class Secretary-club class**
c)	**Airport Tax & Visa fees:**	**As per actual to each**
d)	**Cash Allowances:**	**US $ 772.5 each.**
e)	**Transport, Hotel & interpreter etc.**	**to be arranged by Indian Embassy except Taipei(Taiwan) where expenditure on such arrangements has to be incurred by the Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission on actual basis.**
f)	**Contingencies @ Rs.200/- per day for 13 days subject to actual stay.**	**Rs.2600/- to Chairman only.**

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4. Other entitlements will be as laid down in the Ministry of Finance O.M.No.19036/7/83-LE.IV dated 7.11.84 as amended from time to time.

5. Sanction is also accorded for drawal of advance of cash allowance as admissible to Chairman, Secretary, Commission of Inquiry.

6. The expenditure will be met from the sanctioned budget Grant of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry during the year 2004-2005.

7. Sanction order is issued with the concurrence of Ministry of Finance(Deptt. of Expenditure) vide their Dy. No.U.O. No.05/E.IV/05-DC, dated 6.1.05 and MHA's IFD Dy No.1813/Fin.I/04, dated 20.12.04.

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Following is the translation of a news report from the daily Anandabazar Patrika of 15 Jan 04 (Saturday) on Taipei visit by Justice Mukherjee Commission.

The Netaji Commission is yet to receive clearance to visit Taipae

Staff Reporter, Kolkata

The Netaji Commission is yet to receive clearance from the Centre though the Commission has begun its preparation to visit Taipei on 25 Jan 05. The Ministry of Home Affairs is supposed to give necessary clearance for the visit. Justice Mukherjee said on Friday that the necessary clearance from MHA was not received till then and the Commission could visit Taipei only after the clearance was given by MHA. However, Shri Subrato Basu, Forward Block MP, would pursue the matter with MHA.

The Central Government has already informed the Commission that now many places do not exist which it wants to see during Taipei visit. Moreover, the witnesses with whom the Commission wanted to meet could not be identified. The Commission also sought some specific information from the Taiwanese authority on the disappearance of Netaji. But the Taiwanese authority informed that they did not have any specific information on this subject. However, Indo-Taipei Association (ITA) has requested the Commission to perform the visit in January itself as due to Lunar New Year many people in Taiwan would be on holiday from the first week of February.

Centre has also informed that the Commission's term would not be extended beyond 14 May 05.

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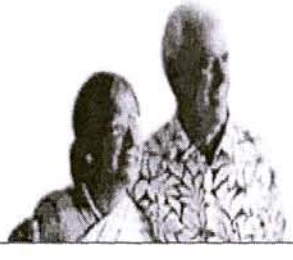
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The clearance reached the commission's office in Kolkata on Thursday evening. visit is scheduled for later this month. Commission chairman justice M.K. Mukherjee said the commission will submit its report within the deadline of May 15.

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There is no possibility of Russia visit unless the commission's tenure is further extended. We are not going to seek any further extension and the report would be submitted within the deadline. That is why we are expediting the probe process," Justice Mukherjee said.

The commission will visit Taipei, Saigon, Singapore and Kuala Lampur. The visit to Bangkok stands cancelled. According to sources in the Commission there was not much response from Thailand to the advertisements that had been published in local dailies there.

The commission is likely to leave for Taipei on January 25 and will be back in the first week of February. It had sought the Centre's permission for the visit last May. The visit was earlier scheduled for January 11. The most important part of the visit is the one to Taiwan where the disputed air crash was reported to have taken place.

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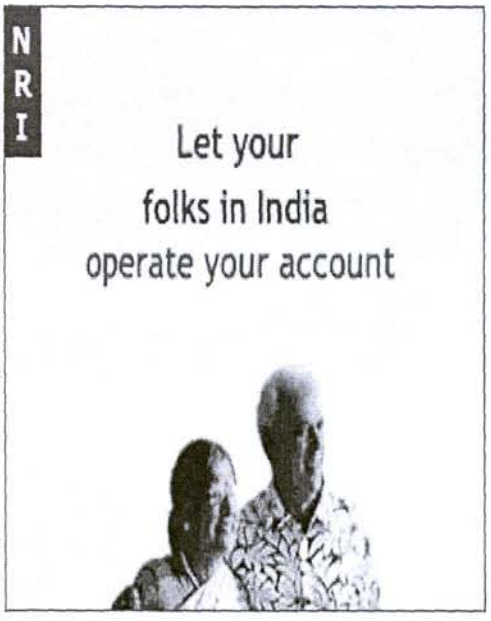
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The most startling discovery so far before the commission is a letter from the Taipei mayor denying any air crash record of this nature. The commission has also received documents regarding archives in Kuala Lampur that might throw a light or two on the case.

Though the commission itself has dissociated itself, various political parties including Forward Bloc are lobbying hard with the UPA government to extend the commission's deadline. Trinamul Congress MLA Parash Dutta said that he would write to the Prime Minister and the Union home minister, placing a request for extension of term. "Without visiting Russia, the commission's probe not be completed.



The Centre must understand the situation and issue the extension orders for the truth emerge," Dutta said. The evidences have mostly been collected and the depositions are also complete. One of the last to have deposed before the commission was central forensic laboratory director V. K. Kashyap against whom warrants been issued for not appearing before the commission.

CFSL had conducted DNA tests of the tooth samples allegedly collected from Gumnami Baba in Faizabad.

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HOM from Joint Secretary (CNV)

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for inquiry into the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

In continuation of our earlier messages this is to inform that the JMCI has had to postpone their tour programme due to unavoidable circumstances.

2. A fresh set of dates is being proposed between 26 January to 3 February 2005.

3. JMCI wishes to apologize for inconvenience caused to Missions. They will revert with exact dates for each location as soon as possible.

With best regards

(L.D. Ralte)

To file. Rai 11/1

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Ravi Bangar
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Fax Message

Ref No		Date	10th January 2005
To	Shri L.D. Ralte, JS(CNV) MEA, New Delhi	From	Ravi Bangar Deputy High Commissioner
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Please refer to your fax of 07 December 2004 regarding visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) to Singapore.

As per the itinerary enclosed with your above mentioned fax, the JMCI was to reach Singapore on 11th January 2005. We have not heard either from the Ministry or JMCI confirming the date of the visit while we have made accommodation, transport arrangements, etc. We have also not received detailed programme from JMCI/MEA as mentioned in your fax. I have seen reports in Indian media to the effect that JMCI Visit has been cleared by MHA and that the Commission would go on a two-week visit to this region beginning January 25.

I shall appreciate if confirmed itinerary, delegation details, programme etc are sent to us quickly for making necessary arrangements.

Regards,

Ravi Bangar
(Ravi Bangar)

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PS: We just spoke. I shall appreciate an urgent response.

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FACSIMILE MESSAGE

07 December 2004

FROM : FOREIGN NEW DELHI

TO : INDEMBASSY BANGKOK
INDEMBASSY HANOI
HICOMIND SINGAPORE ✓
HICOMIND KUALA LUMPUR

HOM FROM JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)

REFERENCE CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING PROPOSED VISIT OF THE JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (JMCI) TEAM TO SINGAPORE, TAIWAN, VIETNAM, THAILAND AND MALAYSIA.

2. THE COMMISSION HAS TENTATIVELY DRAWN UP A REVISED PROGRAMME FOR THE VISIT FROM 11 JANUARY 2005 TO 24 JANUARY 2005. PROVISIONAL TRAVEL ITINERARY OF THE TEAM AS RECEIVED FROM THE JMCI IS ENCLOSED.

3. THE JMCI TEAM WILL COMPRISE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION- **JUSTICE M.K.MUKHERJEE** AND THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION- **SHRI P.K.SENGUPTA**.

5. DETAILED PROGRAMME, AS AND WHEN RECEIVED FROM JMCI, WILL BE FAXED TO YOU.

(L.D.RAMU)
JOINT SECRETARY (CNV)

NO. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIII
dated 07 December 2004

To make Hotel Holiday Inn Park View. Ka 9/12

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Two Rooms booked in Holiday Inn Park View Telecon with Rose 20/12/04

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF
NETAJI SUBHAS CH. BOSE
'B' Block, (Third Floor)
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700 087

Phone:
Chairman — 2[illegible]
Secretary — 2[illegible]
Officers —
Stenographers — 2[illegible]
Office — 2[illegible]

November 23, 2004

PROGRAMME OF VISIT TO SINGAPORE, TAIPEI, ETC.

Places	Date	Flt. No.	Dep/Arr
Calcutta – Singapore	11 Jan	SQ 415	2150/0425
Singapore – KulaLumpur	12 Jan	SQ 106	0800/0925
KulaLumpur – Taipei	13 Jan	MH 068	1500/2145
Taipei – Saigon	17 Jan	CI 683	1245/1620
Saigon–Singapore	20 Jan	SQ 172	1210/1510
Singapore - Bangkok	22 Jan	IC 856	1145/1215
Bangkok-Calcutta	24 Jan	IC 732	1410/1510

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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HC's Office

From: "ravibangar" <ihcdhc@pacific.net.sg>
To: "Joseph Pereira" <jpreynolds@pacific.net.sg>
Cc: "HC's Office" <indiahc@pacific.net.sg>
Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2004 5:16 PM
Subject: Re: Royal Commission on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

Dear Mr. Pereira,

Thanks. Pls. liaise with our Mission in Vietnam(Hanoi/Ho Chi Minh City).
Regards,

Ravi Bangar
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----- Original Message -----
From: "Joseph Pereira" <jpreynolds@pacific.net.sg>
To: <ihcdhc@pacific.net.sg>
Sent: Wednesday, December 01, 2004 11:40 AM
Subject: Re: Royal Commission on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

> Dear Mr Bangar,
>
> This is Joseph Pereira and I am reporting to you after my trip to Vietnam.
> I had made some very discreet enquiries when I was in Ho Chi Minh City. It
> had to be very discreet because the event happened in 1945 when the war
was
> still going on. I was asked on whose behalf I was asking the questions on
> and I had to reply on behalf of the Indian Embassy in Singapore. People
> were understandably cautious.
>
> I had followed the sequence of events between the time Netaji flew out of
> Singapore to Bangkok and then from there to Saigon. From Saigon he flew to
> Danang which was then known as Tourane and the next day they flew out of
> Tourane. Legend has it that he loaded two suitcases onto the transporter
> plane.
>
> So far this part is clear enough. However I have not gone to Danang
because
> I do not have any official papers to support my work and I could be
putting
> myself in some danger. If you can consider giving me an official letter or
> even a discreet letter than I can continue.
>
> The other factor is that I think the answer have to lie at Taipei Airport.
> The plane crashed there or did not take off upon taxiing down the runway.
I
> understand that the Indian government have attempted to conduct
> investigations in Taiwan under considerable difficulties. I suppose
because

> Taiwan was under Japanese administration at that time so they would be
less
> than forthcoming. From the Vietnam end it seems straight forward enough.
>
> The only problem in the Vietnam end is because of the passage of time and
> the fact that the Vietnamese government is a Communist government and
> therefore suspicious of any such probe it had to be done almost in a
> clandestine manner.
>
> That is all I have to say at this juncture. If you wish to see me to
> discuss this further let me know.
>
> Regards.
>
> Joseph.C.Pereira
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Main Identity

From: "Joseph Pereira" <jpreynolds@pacific.net.sg>
To: "ravibangar" <ihcdhc@pacific.net.sg>
Sent: 06 October 2004 10:48
Subject: Re: Hi.

Met him today. He has no information/ inputs for the Inquiry.

Dear Mr Bangar,

Thank you for your note.

My firm's name is JP Reynolds and my name is Joseph Pereira.

> I am writing to you in connection with some details required of Mr. Gerald De Cruz who apparently worked as a personal assistant to Netaji Subhas Bose and wrote a book " Kojak Rebels" . I shall highly appreciate if you could share complete details with us as soon as possible.

- The book is actually titled Rojak Rebel and is available from Times Editions. It was published in 1993. Gerald De Cruz was apparently in Saigon during the year 1944 and met Bose at that time. He lived in Singapore till his death and has two children. His son, Simon is the Singapore ambassador to India while his daughter Judith Prakash is a high court judge. I am going to Vietnam on Sunday for two weeks of work. If you want to meet me before then give a call on mobile 9237-2567. I tried calling your office number but there was no response.

/ Ubeing forwarded separately.

To file in JMCI file.

Ravi 6/10

Regards.

Joseph.C.Pereira

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I've checked with Times (bookstore) This book is not available.

Ravi 28/10

CA

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EzyTrack

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Main Identity

From: "ravibangar" <ihcdhc@pacific.net.sg>
To: <jpreynolds@pacific.net.sg>
Sent: 05 October 2004 16:43
Subject: Hi.

Mr. Reynolds,

I am writing to you in connection with some details required of Mr. Gerald De Cruz who apparently worked as a personal assistant to Netaji Subhas Bose and wrote a book " Kojak Rebels" . I shall highly appreciate if you could share complete details with us as soon as possible.

Regards,

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SIN/P/102/2/03 5 October, 2004

Dear Lalte,

Please refer to your fax of October 1 received today regarding visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) Team , inter alia, to Singapore.

As far as Singapore is concerned, we have kept the Ministry fully informed of the efforts made by the Mission to ascertain facts and circumstances related to alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We took it up with the local Foreign Office who informed that they do not have any information regarding the existence of an Indian National Army office functioning in Singapore (Mission's letter of even number dated 18 July, 2003 refers).

We had also in October last year placed adverts in English, Tamil and Mandarin language dailies (Mission's letter of even number dated 29 October, 2003 refers). No significant response was received except a phone call that the caller had submitted to the Mr. Justice GD Khosla (Mission's letter of even number dated 22 January 2004 refers).

Tel. No: (65) 6737 6777, Fax. No: (65) 6732 6909, E-mail: indiahc@pacific.net.sg, Website: www.embassyofindia.com

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In response to your DO No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. XII dated September 10, 2004 regarding feedback received from Mr. Joseph C. Pereira on the family of Gerald De Cruz and the book "Kojak Rebels". We have made several attempts to contact on the telephone numbers provided and sent an email and also on availability of the above mentioned book but without success.

In light of above, we do not consider that the proposed visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission to Singapore is called for as the Mission would not have any substantive meetings to arrange for JMCI. Hence, it is requested that JMCI may be suitably advised to drop the plan of visit to Singapore. In case, they still insist on visiting Singapore, we shall appreciate to be informed well in advance of the specific meetings JMCI has requested.

I look forward to hear from you soon.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ravi Bangar

(Ravi Bangar)

Shri L.D. Ralte
Director(CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
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FACSIMILE MESSAGE

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FROM : FOREIGN NEW DELHI

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HOM FROM DIRECTOR (CNV)

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4. ALL LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS LIKE ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORT, INTERPRETATION FACILITIES (WHEREVER APPLICABLE), AS DETAILED BELOW, MAY PLEASE BE MADE FOR THE VISIT OF THE TEAM:-

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L) A SENIOR OFFICER OF THE MISSION MAY BE EARMARKED AS LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE COMMISSION.

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M) A STENOGRAPHER MAY BE SPARED AND PROVIDED TO THE TEAM AS & WHEN REQUIRED.

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With regards,

(L.D.RALTE)
DIRECTOR (CNV)

NO. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII
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TO : INDEMBASSY BANGKOK
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With regards,

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DIRECTOR (CNV)

NO. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII
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Ravi Bangar
Deputy High Commissioner

SIN/P/102/2/03 5 October, 2004

Dear Lalte,

Please refer to your fax DO No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. XII dated September 10, 2004 regarding feedback received from Mr. Joseph C. Pereira on the family of Gerald De Cruz and the book " Kojak Rebels".

We have made several attempts to contact on the telephone numbers provided and also on availability of the above mentioned book but without success. It is suggested that the updated and correct details of the family members contact may please be obtained from Mr. Pereira.

Since there is a mention in enclosures received with the above mentioned letter that Mr. De Cruz's son is presently serving as Singapore's Ambassador in Myanmar. This is correct and the contact details are enclosed. You may like to consider contacting him through our Mission in Yangon.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

R. Bangar
(Ravi Bangar)

Shri L.D. Ralte
Director(CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

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L.D.Ralte
Director (CNV)

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XII

September 10, 2004

Dear Ravi,

Please refer to our letters no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated January 12, 2004 and February 24, 2004 and your letter no. SIN/Pol/102/2/03 dated 22 January 2004, regarding feedback received from Mr. Joseph C. Pereira, a Singapore national (of Indian Origin) who happened to see the Netaji-related JMCI notice while in Ho Chi Minh City in December 2003. It may be recalled that Mr. Pereira had indicated that the family of Gerald De Cruz (who is said to have acted as the personal assistant to Netaji Subhas Bose in Saigon during the period 1943 to 1945) might have some information of interest to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. The JMCI has been trying unsuccessfully so far, to contact Mr. Pereira for obtaining a copy of the said book as well as the contact address of the son and daughter of Late Mr. De Cruz. A copy of JMCI's letter dated 5.2.2004 addressed to Mr. Pereira in this regard is enclosed.

2. We would request you to make fresh efforts to contact Mr. Pereira and obtain as early as possible, a copy of the said book as well as the other details sought by the JMCI. Would appreciate if you update us early on the results of your enquiries.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(L.D.Ralte)

Shri Ravi Bangar,
Deputy High Commissioner,
High Commission of India,
Singapore

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2002-03/70(II)/432. Kolkata, dated, 5th February'04.

1360 6/2/04

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Mr. Joseph C. Pereira,
196, Bui Vien District I,
Ho Chi Minh City, VIETNAM
Mobile : + 84-903 667 081.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the feed back received by the Commission from the Embassy of India, Hanoi, through the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, said to be based on the information given by you to the Indian Consulate in Ho Chi Minh City in response to the publication of the notice of the Commission in English and Vietnamese language dailies on December 12, 2003 and to request you to kindly send to the Commission a copy of the book titled "Kojak Rebels" published by a Singaporean publisher as also to furnish the Commission with the addresses of the son and the daughter of Mr. Gerald De Cruz as stated therein so that the Commission may officially approach them to elicit relevant information, if any, from them.

Yours faithfully,

05.02.04

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above.

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FEEDBACK RECEIVED BY EMBASSY OF INDIA, HANOI AND INDIAN CONSULATE IN HO CHI MINH CITY- AFTER PUBLICATION OF NOTICE IN ENGLISH & VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE DAILIES ON DECEMBER 12, 2003.

One Mr. Joseph C.Pereira of Ho Chi Minh City, who is a Singaporean nation of Indian origin, contacted the Indian Consulate and gave the following information:

> *"One Gerald De Cruz acted as the personal assistant to Netaji in Saigon during the period 1943 to 1945. He wrote a book called "Kojak Rebels" which was published by a Singaporean publisher. Mr. Gerald De Cruz, since deceased, married a Bulgarian lady. His son Mr. Simon Tensing De Cruz is presently Singapore's Ambassador to Myanmar. His daughter Mrs. Judith Prakash is presently a High Court judge in Singapore."*

Mr. Pereira also opined that the family of Gerald De Cruz might have some relevant information. The contact information of Mr. Pereira in Ho Chi Minh City and in Singapore are as follows:-

1. 196 Bui Vien District1,
   Ho Chi Minh City
   Mobile: +84-903 667 081

2. Mr. J.P.Reynolds,
   13-78 BLK 226,
   Pasir Ris Street 21,
   Singapore-510 226
   Tel : 65- 6582 9143
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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.XI

February 24, 2004

Dear Ravi,

Please refer to endorsement of my D.O. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated January 12, 2004 and your subsequent letter no. SIN/Pol/102/2/03 dated 22 January 2004, regarding feedback received from Mr. Joseph C.Pereira, a Singapore national (of Indian Origin) who happened to see the Netaji-related JMCI notice while in Ho Chi Minh City in December 2003. Mr. Pereira had indicated that the family of Gerald De Cruz (who is said to have acted as the personal assistant to Netaji in Saigon during the period 1943 to 1945) might have some information of interest to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

Ph. file. Ravi 5/3 PA

2. I would appreciate if you could update us on the results of your enquiries made in the matter.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R Ghanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Ravi Bangar,
Deputy High Commissioner,
High Commission of India,
Singapore

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No.SIN/Pol/102/2/03

22 January 2004

Dear Ruchi,

In response to an advertisement placed in local newspaper regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission on Enquiry, we received a phone-call from one Mr. Jacob John in the first week of January. He conveyed that he had submitted his views and evidence to Mr. Justice G. D. Khosla in early 70's. We requested him to fax a copy of evidence presented by him. The same was received and is enclosed.

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3. On the subject, regarding endorsement of your D.O.No.25/4/NGO/Vol.x dated 12 January 2004, we will make discreet enquiries after the Chinese New Year Festivities are over.

Regards,

Yours sincerely

Ravi Bangar

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Smt. Ruchi Ghanashyam
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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January 12, 2004

Dear

This is further to my letters of even number dated December 12 and December 29, 2003 in response to your OM no. I/12014/3/2003-NCB dated December 3, 2003 regarding the publication of a Notice in leading English and local languages newspapers in Singapore, Bangkok and Saigon, as requested by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI).

2. Copies of newspaper clippings of the Notice that appeared in leading newspapers in **Singapore and Bangkok** have already been forwarded to you vide my aforementioned letters.

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4. The feedback received by the Mission following the publication of this notice, from a Singapore national (of Indian Origin) who happened to be in Ho Chi Minh City at that time and saw the notice, is summarized in the enclosed note (Annexure III). Our Mission in Singapore is being separately requested to make enquiries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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Shri Rakesh,
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Copy for information to :-

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2. Shri Ravi Bangar, Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of India, Singapore, alongwith a copy of **Annexure III**. It is requested that the persons named therein may be contacted informally in a discreet and sensitive manner for obtaining the relevant information. Feedback thereof may please be forwarded to Ministry.

Regards,

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

ANNEXURE-III

FEEDBACK RECEIVED BY EMBASSY OF INDIA, HANOI AND INDIAN CONSULATE IN HO CHI MINH CITY- AFTER PUBLICATION OF NOTICE IN ENGLISH & VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE DAILIES ON DECEMBER 12, 2003.

One Mr. Joseph C. Pereira of Ho Chi Minh City, who is a Singaporean nation of Indian origin, contacted the Indian Consulate and gave the following information:

> ***"One Gerald De Cruz acted as the personal assistant to Netaji in Saigon during the period 1943 to 1945. He wrote a book called "Kojak Rebels" which was published by a Singaporean publisher. Mr. Gerald De Cruz, since deceased, married a Bulgarian lady. His son Mr. Simon Tensing De Cruz is presently Singapore's Ambassador to Myanmar. His daughter Mrs. Judith Prakash is presently a High Court judge in Singapore."***

Mr. Pereira also opined that the family of Gerald De Cruz might have some relevant information. The contact information of Mr. Pereira in Ho Chi Minh City and in Singapore are as follows:-

1. 196 Bui Vien District1,
   Ho Chi Minh City
   Mobile: +84-903 667 081

2. Mr. J.P.Reynolds,
   13-78 BLK 226,
   Pasir Ris Street 21,
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D.O. No.SIN/P/102/2/03 29 October 2003

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SIN/ISI/322/32/03 October 21, 2003

SIN/P/102/2/03
Tamil Murasu
Singapore
Tel 67366077,
Fax ~~67386477~~ 63196345

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are interested in inserting the enclosed notice in your newspaper on immediate basis with approximate size 15cm by 13 cm.

You are requested to bill the invoice to us.

Yours faithfully,

(C.Rajendiran)
First Secretary(Com) & HOC

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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By Order

(P.K.Sengupta)
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NEW DELHI

Ruchi Ghanashyam
Director (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/Vol.X

October 1, 2003

Dear Ravi,

You are aware that the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry was set up to inquire into the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith.

2. We have been approached by the JMCI now, seeking to publish a notice in leading English and local language newspapers in Singapore for obtaining and extracting material evidence relevant to the points of inquiry. The Commission hopes and expect that such material evidence could come to light by providing wide publicity to a possible visit of the Commission and the terms of its inquiry, as was done earlier in the case of the Khosla Commission which had examined a number of witnesses in Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Penang, Burma, Taiwan etc.

3. The JMCI has pointed out that the alleged fateful journey of Netaji by air (culminating in the crash at Taipei in Taiwan) was from Saigon where he had arrived from **Singapore** after a stopover at Bangkok.

Read today. Ra. 20/10

Urgent 20/10

Ph. speak Ra. 20/10

4. The JMCI has forwarded a format of the proposed Notice. This may kindly be got published in leading English and local languages newspapers in Singapore. A decision on the need to follow-up with a visit to Singapore and other places to examine witnesses and collect relevant documents and material, will be taken by the JMCI, based on the response and feedback from the local public to this Notice. Once the Notices have been published, relevant clippings from the newspapers may please be forwarded to us for onward transmission to the JMCI.

Warm wishes,

Yours sincerely,

RGhanashyam

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri Ravi Bangar,
Deputy High Commissioner,
High Commission of India,
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By Order

(P. K. Sengupta)
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SIN/ISI/322/32/03 October 21, 2003

The Strait Times
Singapore Press Holdings,
Singapore.
(Fax No. 67411298)

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are interested in inserting the enclosed notice in your news paper on immediate basis. (Annex 15 on 18)

Yours faithfully,

(C.Rajendiran)
First Secretary(Com) & HOC

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SIN/ISI/322/32/03 October 21, 2003

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No.SIN/Pol/102/2/03 July 18, 2003

Dear Vijay,

Please refer to my endorsement of July 8, 2003 regarding information desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has just informed that the Singapore Government does not have any information regarding the existence of an Indian National Army (INA) office functioning in Singapore (copy of the note is enclosed).

With regards,

Yours sincerely

Ravi Bangar
(Ravi Bangar)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block
New Delhi.

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MFA/PD4/00203/2003

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore presents its compliments to the High Commission of India and has the honour to refer to the latter's Note No. SIN/Pol/102/2/03 of 8 July 2003.

The Ministry has the further honour to inform the High Commission that the Singapore Government does not have any information regarding the existence of an Indian National Army office functioning in Singapore.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission of India the assurances of its highest consideration.

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No.SIN//Pol/102/2/03 July 8, 2003

The High Commission of India presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and has the honour to refer to its note verbale dated May 23 regarding request of the High Commission for information desired by Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the circumstances of the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments. The High Commission will highly appreciate if the esteemed Ministry could confirm the existence of an Indian National Army office (INA) and if it is functioning in Singapore and details thereof.

The High Commission of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(**Directorate IV**)
Republic of Singapore
Singapore.

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Copy to: Shri Vijay Gokhale, JS (CNV), MEA, South Block, New Delhi.. w.r.t letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol IX dated June 11, 2003

Regards,

Ravi Bangar

(Ravi Bangar)
Deputy High Commissioner

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

(66)

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated June 11, 2003

Dear Ravi,

This has reference to your letter No. SIN/POL/102/2/03 dated 26.5.03 regarding information from Singapore in connection with the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

It is seen that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has sent a list of material related to the INA in Singapore. However, the material appears to be mainly of archival nature and does not confirm the existence of an INA office still allegedly functioning in Singapore. We are required to inform the Commission about the existence or otherwise of the office in Singapore, besides obtaining the documents, if any, under the custody or control of the Government of Singapore relating to the terms of reference of the Commission which have been already communicated to you.

In the meanwhile, we are forwarding the material sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Ravi Bangar
Deputy High Commissioner
High Commission of India
Singapore

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No. SIN/POL/102/2/03 May 26, ,2003.

Dear Vijay,

This is in continuation of my fax of even number dated May 21, 2003 regarding information from Singapore in connection with the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

I am enclosing herewith reply received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which is self-explanatory. The enclosure to the letter received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also has an annexure detailing the list of material related to the office of Indian National Army in Singapore.

It is suggested that the enclosure may be forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission and their specific requirement of the material conveyed to us for further taking it up with the concerned authorities here.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ravi Bangar

(Ravi Bangar)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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MFA/PD4/00131/2003

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore presents its compliments to the High Commission of India and has the honour to refer to its Note Sin/Pol/102/2/03 of 18 February 2003.

The Ministry has the further honour to enclose at Annex I a list of material related to the office of the Indian National Army in Singapore. For further information, the High Commission could contact Ms France GOH of the National Heritage Board at telephone number 63327933, fax number 63393583 and email france_goh@nhb.gov.sg.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission of India the assurances of its highest consideration.

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23 May 2003

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

May 13, 2003

Dear Sir

Please refer to my letter of even number dated 3rd February, 2003 regarding information desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The Commission has desired to know the results of the inquiry made by the Mission with the host government on the concerned matter. I would, therefore, be grateful if the present position in this matter is intimated to us.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.P.Shukla
High Commissioner of India
Singapore

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Interim reply sent?

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Interim reply was sent. Since then, we have also received annexure-I material. Letter has been sent to JS (CNV), for ascertaining F.I.ph.D requirement of the Commission.

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High Commission of India,
Singapore

No. SIN/POL/102/2/03 May 21, 2003.

The High Commission of India in Singapore presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and has the honour to refer to its note verbale No. Sin/Pol/102/2/03 dated February 18, 2003 regarding Mission's request for information on the office of the Indian National Army (INA) in Singapore.

The esteemed Ministry is requested to expedite the requested information as this is required urgently by the Justice Mukherjee Commission. In case, no information is available with the concerned Singapore authorities a "nil" report will also be appreciated.

The High Commission of India in Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Directorate IV
Singapore
(Attn: Mr. Kwok Wong PUN, Director)

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Copy to: Shri Vijay Gokhale, JS(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, w.r.t. his letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated February 3, 2003.

Regards,

(Ravi Bangar)
Deputy High Commissioner

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No. SIN/POL/102/2/03

May 22, ,2003.

Dear Vijay,

Please refer to your fax of 13 May addressed to the High Commissioner and letter of 7 May to me received here on 19 May regarding inquiry about existence of the office of Indian National Army in Singapore and report required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission. We had on receipt of your earlier letter in February written to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, seeking the details. No report has been received from them yet. They have again been reminded, in writing, for expediting the report.

We will continue to pursue the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Ravi Bangar

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New Delhi.

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DRAFT

No. SIN/POL/102/2/03 May ,2003.

Dear

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~~(P.P. Shukla)~~

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary(CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated May 7, 2003

Dear Ravi,

This has reference to your endorsement No. SIN/POL/102/2/03 dated 18.2.03 regarding inquiry about the existence of an office of the Indian National Army.

The Justice Mukherjee Commission has sought an immediate report on the result of the inquiry. I would, therefore, be grateful if the requisite information is sent to us quickly.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Ravi Bangar
Deputy High Commissioner
High Commission of India
Singapore

Rcd. today.
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We had acted on it. 14/5
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PA

We wrote to MFA on 18 Feb. No response received. 14/5



High Commission of India,
Singapore

No. SIN/POL/102/2/03 February 18, 2003.

The High Commission of India in Singapore presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and has the honour to inform that Government of India has appointed Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the circumstances of the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including:

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The High Commission requests the esteemed Ministry to make available or accessible to the High Commission at the earliest convenience all documents both governmental or non-governmental which could facilitate the inquiry of Commission

The High Commission would appreciate to receive all information, documents mentioned in the foregoing.

The High Commission of India in Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Deputy High Commissioner

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High Commission of India,
Singapore

No. SIN/POL/102/2/03 February 18, 2003.

The High Commission of India in Singapore presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore and has the honour to inform that Government of India has appointed Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the circumstances of the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including:

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D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

February 3, 2003

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry was appointed by the Government of India in 1999 to inquire into the circumstances of the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including: -

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In this connection, the Ministry has been approached by the Commission from time to time to obtain relevant information and documents from different countries. The Commission has now requested us to approach the Government of Singapore to make available or accessible to them at the earliest convenience all documents, classified or unclassified, which are in the possession and/or under the control of the Government of Singapore and/or are in the various Archives in the country, which could facilitate the inquiry of the Commission.

I would, therefore, request you to take up the matter with the appropriate authorities in Singapore and keep the Ministry posted of the developments in this regard.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

VGokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.P.Shukla
High Commissioner of India
Singapore

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The High Commission would appreciate for receiving information from the esteemed Ministry on this matter.

The High Commission of India in Singapore avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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February 3, 2003

Dear Shri,

As you are aware, the Justice Mukherjee Commission has been appointed by the Government of India to inquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The Commission has desired that an inquiry be made into the contention made by a deponent in an affidavit submitted to it that an office of the INA (Indian National Army) is still stationed and functioning in Singapore.

In this connection, I would be grateful if you could arrange to have the matter investigated and intimate the results thereof.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.P.Shukla
High Commissioner of India
Singapore